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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS VS

SUBJECT: CONCENTRATION OF ATTACKS ON ROUTE 4

1. NVA/VC NOW CONCENTRATING VIRTUALLY ALL MAIN FORCE UNITS IN  
UPPER MR4 IN ATTACKS ON ROUTE. FIGHTING OVER PAST WEEKEND IN  
VINH LONG WAS AIMED AT INTERDICTING HIGHWAY AS IT PASSES THROUGH  
THAT PROVINCE. CONTINUING MOVES BY NVA 5TH AND 3RD DIVISIONS IN  
LOWER LOND AN AND DINH TUONG HAVE ALSO BEEN TARGETED AGAINST  
HIGHWAY. IN BOTH CASES, FAST, EFFECTIVE REDEPLOYMENT OF ARVN  
AND TENACITY OF TERRITORIAL FORCES PREVENTED MORE THAN SHORT  
INTERRUPTIONS IN NORMAL TRAFFIC FLOW. MG NAM HAS NOW READJUSTED  
OPERATIONAL AREAS FOR HIS THREE AVRN DIVISIONS TO BETTER COMBAT  
THREAT TO VITAL HIGHWAY. RESULTS OF CONTACTS WHICH HAVE TAKEN  
PLACE INDICATE GVN FORCES IN DELTA CONTINUE TO FIGHT WELL AND  
HAVE PROVEN MORE THAN A MATCH FOR NVA/VC NOW DEPLOYED AGAINST  
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2. MR4 G2 COL LE NGUYEN BINH TOLD DARLO AFTERNOON OF APRIL 15 THAT ELEMENTS 3RD NVA DIVISION HAD MOVED BACK TO NORTHERN DELTA AND THAT ITS POSITION AND THOSE OF OTHER NVA UNITS IN AREA INDICATE CLEAR INTENTION INTERDICT HIGHWAY 4 IN DINH TUONG AND LONG AN PROVINCES. 3RD NVA DIV HQ AND ITS TWO SUBORDINATE REGIMENTS (201ST AND 271ST) ARE NOW IN NORTHERN BEN TRANH (D), DINH TUONG (P).

3. X-15 REGT IS IN LONG AN (P) SE OF HIGHWAY 4 WITH MISSION OF ASSISTING 5TH NVA DIV TO INTERDICT HIGHWAY 4. 5TH DIV REMAINS NW OF HIGHWAY 4 IN LONG AN AND ALONG LONG AN/DINH TUONG BORDER. E-24 AND DONG THAP I REGTS HAVE MOVED INTO SOUTHERN CAI LAY (D), DINH TUONG (P) AND THEIR MISSION IS INTERDICTION OF HIGHWAY 4 IN CAI LAY.

4. COL BINH SIAD 5TH NVA DIV HAS SUFFERED HEAVY CASUALTIES AND IS NOT NOW CAPABLE OF CONDUCTING MAJOR OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS. HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE 3RD NVA DIV HAS ONLY TWO REGTS, ONE OF WHICH, THE 201ST, IS UNDERSTRENGTH. HE CONCLUDES THAT A PERIOD OF RESUPPLY AND REPLACEMENT OF PERSONNEL LOSSES WILL PRECEDE ANY MAJOR EFFORT AGAINST THE HIGHWAY, BUT IS UNCERTAIN AS TO HOW LONG THAT MIGHT TAKE. HE BELIEVES ONLY 1150 TROOPS HAVE BEEN INFILTRATED INTO THE NORTHERN DELTA IN THE PAST THREE WEEKS WITH ONE-THIRD OF THOSE GOING TO THE TH NVA DIV. INFILTRATION ON ROUTE 1C HAS BEEN ABOUT 700 TROOPS IN THE PAST THREE WEEKS WITH 300 OF THOSE ARRIVING IN THE PAST WEEK. BULK OF THESE DESTINED TO REPLACE DEPLETED RANKS OF NVA 4TH DIVIDELOYED SOUTH OF CAN THO. MG NAM TOLD ME ONE REFT, THE 18B, NOW ONLY NUMBERS SOME 150 MEN AFTER POUNDINGIT TOOK IN APPROACHING HEAVILY DEFENDED OUTER DEFENSES OF CAN THO.  
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